

Mike

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



469824



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

SEP 14 1981

Mr. Donald J. Thimsen, P.E.
Manager, Environmental Engineering
General Mills, Inc.
Post Office Box 1113
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

Dear Mr. Thimsen:

This letter is to acknowledge that I have received your letter of September 3, 1981 and Soil Exploration Company's study of subsurface contamination at Henkel Corporation, 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lisa Thorvig and I in reviewing the report, are concerned about the relatively high concentration levels of volatile organics present in the water sample taken from piezometer A. We understand that the piezometer is only located at a depth of 27.0 feet. However, we feel that because of the elevated levels of volatile organics found in the ground water there is sufficient justification to sample the deep well located at Henkel Corporation. Especially if the well is being utilized as a source of drinking water for the employees at the facility.

Therefore, Lisa and I feel it necessary to request General Mills, Inc. to begin immediately to have the Henkel Corporation well sampled and tested for possible volatile organic contamination. We would also like to be notified 24 hours prior to sample collection so that we may split samples with the laboratory of your choice.

In addition to our request to have the Henkel Corporation well tested, Lisa and I wish to be kept advised of the progress being made in your selection of an independent consulting firm. We also request the General Mills, Inc. notify the consultant of your choice that a preliminary work plan should be submitted to the Agency no later than October 31, 1981.

Phone. _____

1935 West County Road B2, Roseville, Minnesota 55113
Regional Offices - Duluth/Brainerd/Detroit Lakes/Marshall/Rochester
Equal Opportunity Employer



Donald J. Thimsen
Page two

If you have any question concerning these matters, please contact Lisa Thorvig at 297-3360 or myself at 297-3717.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Ayers

Michael B. Ayers
Strike Force
Regulatory Compliance Section
Solid and Hazardous Waste Division

MBA/LJT/sf

cc: J. William Haun, P.E., Vice President, Engineering Policy,
General Mills, Inc.
Dennis J. Vaughn, P.E., Environmental Engineering Corp.,
Regulatory Affairs, Henfel Corporation
Ed Monteleon, Hennepin County Solid Waste Officer